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**Wednesday, November 18, 2009**

**Hyatt Regency Hotel**  
**300 Light Street – Baltimore, MD 21202**

**(Held During the 2009 Emergency Preparedness and Prevention & Hazmat Spills Conference)**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM.

**Greetings:**

LEPC Chairman Robert Maloney welcomed all guests, including representatives from the Local LEPC as well as attendees of the Post-Meta-Leadership Summit for Preparedness Conference who were meeting in conjunction with today's LEPC group. Also present were interested parties currently attending the EPA Conference. Mr. Maloney (also Chair of the 2009 EPA Conference) gave a brief summary of notable events taking place during the conference which included keynote speakers Jeffrey Skiles (co-pilot of the plane that successfully landed in New York's Hudson River) and Dr. Thomas Scalea (the physician-in-chief at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center); as well as a very successful full scale Hazmat/Rail Car exercise with regional representation from all seven UASI partner jurisdictions (with a video feed back to a simulated incident command at the Conference hotel); and many robust workshops and 1<sup>st</sup> responder and preparedness courses offering attendees a wide variety of invaluable training opportunities.

He gave an overview of the history of the Baltimore LEPC, and credited Adam Stolz (present at today's meeting) for his hard work in reinvigorating the Committee, bringing it to where it is today and involving many government, public and private entities, as well as local citizens who actively work together. and meet quarterly to vet ideas and to develop action items to move the area forward in preparedness. He acknowledged and commended the former leaders and expert advisors of the Baltimore LEPC including Rich McKoy, Ron Addison and Gene Reynolds.

**Scott Brillman of the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management conducted the business portion of the meeting.**

**Adoption of Meeting Minutes from the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the LEPC Meeting of May 21, 2009, were accepted and approved as distributed.

## PROGRAM/SECTOR REPORTS

### Government

#### Incidents & Events

There was a summary and review of responses, events and incidents that have occurred since the last LEPC meeting which included several major water main breaks, a multiple alarm church fire, the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration, the Stone Soul Picnic, and the following reports:

#### **Scott Brillman, MOEM & Steve Stricklin, DPW W/WW**

There was a 72" Water Main Break in Dundalk which had a profound effect on the local area including massive flooding of homes and roadways. There was a tremendous cooperative and collaborated effort of city, county and state government agencies, as well as the support of partners in the public and private sectors to control and manage this incident which impacted the entire southeast quadrant of Baltimore and resulted in an activation of Baltimore City's EOC.

#### **Lieutenant Sheri Luck, MOEM**

- **660 W. Redwood Street** – A very successful and informative exercise was conducted at this temperature governed research laboratory where exactly one week later an actual incident occurred when the Hospital's water heater ruptured spilling water nearly 3' deep into the basement. BCFD, MOEM, and DPW W/WW responded.

#### **H1N1 (Swine Flu) Update**

##### **Meghan Butasek, Director, Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response**

- In dealing with H1N1, the Baltimore City Health Department is utilizing the Incident Command System structure and is collaborating with Federal and State agencies (CDC, DHMH). Vaccination efforts are continuing to focus on the identified priority groups which include pregnant woman, 6 months – 24 year olds, health care workers and 25 – 64 year olds with chronic illnesses. They are establishing mass vaccination site clinics in addition to the standing clinics; as well as distributing school based vaccinations. They have been training and mobilizing staff and volunteers for technical and support positions at the vaccination distribution sites. A community outreach campaign effort includes providing H1N1 guidance and information to Faith Based Organizations, Community Groups, City Agencies, Businesses, and schools. They have been promoting a city-wide preparedness message regarding updating COOP plans and good health habits; and a personal preparedness message for family planning and practice of good health habits especially during flu season. Information resources regarding flu and other health issues can be obtained thru their website [www.baltimorehealth.org](http://www.baltimorehealth.org).

#### **Training & Exercises – Wayne Brown, MOEM**

- ICS training classes are continuing. Basic ICS courses are available online and are very beneficial to any supervisory position that may interface with government agencies during an emergency.
- There was a summary and review of exercises and training since the last meeting which included: The Meta Leadership Summit, an Oriole Park Evacuation Tabletop Exercise (TTX), an in-house OEM Hurricane/evacuation TTX, an intergovernmental COOP TTX – The Charm Challenge, The News and Terrorism Communicating in a Crisis Workshop, the functional Free State (collapse and explosion) Exercise as well as the previously discussed full scale Hazmat/CSX exercise which included a chemical release component.
- Upcoming training and exercise plans include a functional snow storm exercise, an Integrated Emergency Management Course for elected and appointed City Officials, a full scale High Rise fire/collapse exercise and a functional shelter set up exercise.

#### **CEAS – Laura Ponzo**

- The CEAS Project initially introduced by Adam Stolz is ready to be implemented and is being kicked off with a press conference scheduled for this afternoon. The Corporate Emergency Access System (CEAS) is a pre-credentialing program designed to reduce the impact of economic injury to a municipality and help sustain critical public and private infrastructure following a serious or catastrophic event where worksites become restricted to public access. The CEAS credential is issued to private sector employees deemed critical to business recovery and restoration activities. There are no costs to the city to participate in this program. There are multiple option access cards which are purchased and maintained by businesses for their essential employees at a cost of approximately \$50 each depending upon the level of access.

**The LEPC portion of the Meeting recessed for a post-Meta Leadership Summit panel discussion and group participation exercise with a goal to identify gaps and develop solutions to improve communications during a disaster.**

#### **MOEM Community Preparedness Manager-Scott Brillman**

##### **CERT –**

- The Community Emergency Response Teams are comprised of citizens who are provided with emergency preparedness training and equipment to support efforts of public safety officials by assisting the residents in their own community during any type of an emergency. There are now over 20 teams in the city with several hundred volunteer members. Newly established teams include Westport who has completed their training, and teams from Wilson Park, Southern Park Heights, Pig Town and Wyman Park who are continuing their training. The American Red Cross is in the process of developed their own CERT team and are working closely with the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management.
- October 18, 2009 was CERT/Preparedness Outreach Day where CERT teams partnered with City agencies to distribute emergency preparedness kits and informational materials to residents in communities throughout the City of Baltimore. Thousands of Flashlights, AM/FM Radios, Magnets, Water Containers, and Preparedness Info were distributed.
- CERT teams were engaged by and provided training by the Baltimore City Health Department to support H1N1 efforts at the vaccination site clinics.
- To learn more about Community Preparedness and CERT visit the website [www.baltimorecitycert.com](http://www.baltimorecitycert.com).

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

**The next meeting is scheduled for sometime in March of 2010.**